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Drought Conditions Result in Boat Ramp Closure at Clear Lake State Park

Due to serious drought conditions and dangerously low water levels at <u>Clear Lake State Park</u>, the boat ramp at the park was closed to the public on Thursday, August 21, 2014 for safety concerns. This closure will remain in effect until December 31, 2014, or until further notice.

Boat launch fees will not be charged at Clear Lake State Park during the ramp closure. Quagga mussel inspections are still required for all vessels. Boat access to Clear Lake is still available at the following facilities:

Braito's Buckingham Marina

1555 Eastlake Drive; Kelseyville, California; (707) 279-4868 Fee: \$5.00 per vessel launch per day (includes parking) Vessel restrictions: No sail boats with greater than 3.5' keel; water level is 4-4.5' deep as of 8/22/2014.

Konocti Vista Casino Resort Marina RV Park Boat Ramp

2755 Mission Rancheria Road; Lakeport, California; (707) 262-1900

Fee: None.

Vessel restrictions: Water level is only 2' deep as of 8/22/2014.

Library Park (City of Lakeport)

222 Park Street; Lakeport, California

Fee: None.

Vessel restrictions: No known restrictions.

Clear Lake State Park is on the shores of California's largest freshwater lake. The area is popular for all kinds of water recreation, including swimming, fishing, boating and

water-skiing. These activities are not affected by the ramp closure, but we do ask visitors to exercise caution at all times due to the drought conditions.

For questions or concerns regarding the ramp closure at Clear Lake State Park, please call (707) 279-4293.

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